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SUBJECT: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1. AMBASSADOR HAS MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH MEMBERS ASFOUR FAMILY FROM WHOM SCHOOL IS RENTED, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE. BASIC SITUATION NOW TANDS THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING ALONG LINES OF SCENARIO WORKED OUT IN WASHINGTON: (A) WE HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND ASFOURS HAVE AGREED TO SELL: (B) JORDANIANS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT POSSIBLE SOURCE OF FUNDS WILL ALL IMPACT DIRECTLY ON JORDANIAN PROGRAMS SUCH AS HAWK AND AID ADMINISTERED ACTIVITIES (SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE) (C) JORDANIANS ARE NOW EXPLORING WITH US THAT IMPACT AND THEIR READINESS TO FOLLOW SUCH A PROCESS(D) JORDANIANS HAVE SUGGESTED AND WE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT "FAIR PRICE FOR SCHOOL CONSIDERING ALL FACETS INCLUDING PAST USG CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE WORKED OUT BY LOCAL PRACTICES OF APPOINTING ASSESORS--TWO REPRESENTING ASFOURS, TWO REPRESENTING AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND ONE APPOINTED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ONE BY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE (E) MINISTER OF STATE INSTRUCTED ASFOURS ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER THAT COURT ACTION WILL NOT GET THE ASFOURS ANY WHERE, THAT IN FACT PRIME MINISTER IS PREPARED TO INSURE THAT COURT DOES NOT EJECT AMERICANS FROM THE PROPERTY. AND (F) THAT PRIME MINISTER OFFICE IS PREPARED TO INSTRUCT AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE WORK ON PRESENT EXPANSION.

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2. WHILE DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN ASFOURS AND AMERICAN

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OVER THEIR EXACT RELATIONSHIPS AND SO FORTH, MINISTER OF STATE HAS ASKED FOR AND EMBASSY AND ASFOURS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH COPIES OF ORIGINAL CONTRACT SO GOVERNMENT MAY BE AWARE ENOUGH ITS OWN STUDY OF ITS EXACT RELATIONSHIP. MINISTER OF STATE WILL BRIEF PRIME MINISTER ON PROCESS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON "FAIR PRICE" TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY STIPULATION ABOUT SOURCE OF FUNDS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE HAS ASKED THE AMBASSADOR REVIEW SITUATION WITH PRIME MINISTER AND WITH COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF JORDAN ARMED FORCES(IN CONNECTION WITH HAWK-RAYTHEON CONTRACT FUNDS).

3. AS ASFOURS FAMILY HAS AGREED TO USE OF ASSESSORS TO REACH DECISION ON FAIR PRICE FOR SCHOOL INCLUDING STIPULATION MADE BY MINISTER OF STATE THAT USG PAST CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL BE CONSIDERED IN PROCESS OF ARRIVING AT FAIR PRICE. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTIONS WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROCEED ALONG ABOVE LINES AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.  
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